

**Eastern Washington Resource Advisory Council Meeting  
Spokane BLM District, Spokane, WA  
Field Tour in Ephrata area - May 24, 2001**

**Members Present (interest/term expiration):**

Sub-Group 1

Andrew Berg (Energy & Minerals/2002)  
Dave Billingsley (Grazing/2001)  
Harold Mathews (Rights-of-Way/2002)  
Maurice Williamson (Commercial Recreation/2002)

Sub-Group 2

Mark Amara (Archaeological/Historical/2002)  
Linda Harder (Dispersed Recreation/2003)  
Mike Peterson (Environmental/2002)  
Laura Smith (Environmental/2001)

Sub-Group 3

JoAnna Meninick (Indian Tribe/2003)  
Doug Pineo (State Government/2003))

**Members Not In Attendance:**

Sub-Group 1: Fred Ebel (Timber/2001)

Sub-Group 2: Donald Walter (Conservation/2001)

Sub-Group 3: Bill Graedel (Elected Official/2003); Linda North-Spaulding (Public at Large/2003), and Richard Old (Academician/2001)

**Others in Attendance**

Designated Federal Official: Joseph K. Buesing, Spokane District Manager, BLM

Federal Officials:

Jim Fisher, Field Manager, Wenatchee Resource Area, BLM  
Neal Hedges, Wildlife Biologist, Wenatchee Resource Area, BLM  
Kathy Helm, Planner & Environmental Coordinator, Spokane District, BLM  
Todd Thompson, Natural Resource Specialist, Spokane District, BLM

Guests:

John Musser, Wildlife Biologist, WA Department of Wildlife  
Nancy Warner, The Nature Conservancy  
Gladys Wiltse, Indian Tribe

Meeting Recorder:

Dianne Cook

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Dave Billingsley. Minutes of the April 27, 2001 meeting were approved as mailed.

Issues:

Juniper Dunes road - The district will contact County Commissioners to see if they are willing to take over the road. Peterson Road is the best one available.

Committee reports:

- Amendment to Charter/Boundaries. Doug Pineo reported the committee has met and have some information. The recommendation at this point is to expand RAC boundaries.
- Mark Amara reported on watershed map. Recommending RAC include all of the Columbia River watershed within the state of Washington. Maurice Williams expressed opposition to #4. Joe Buesing gave insights on RAC statutes.

No comments from the public in attendance.

Maurice Williamson asked about contact of Forest Service. Joe Buesing responded that the Forest Service now has their own RAC. Mike Peterson encouraged RAC to contact Forest Service further.

RAC vacancies open until June 1, 2001.

Land exchange was discussed as new business.

Next meeting available dates: June 28, July 26, August 23, September 27. Members to call by Tuesday, May 29 to let Buesing know if they can attend the June 28 meeting. If quorum not available, next available date will be July 26.

Possible agenda items for next meeting:

- Report on Peterson Road petition
- Further discussion of Forest Service participation

The meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

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Officially Approved: July 22, 2002